(c) whether any legal provision has been in place to prevent incidents of torture to students by teachers in schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government is considering formulation of a law in this context, in view of a ruling by a Delhi court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has registered 27, 50 and 31 cases of corporal punishment in schools during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (till date) respectively and has also taken *suo-moto* cognizance of 10 such incidents since January, 2009.

(c) to (e) This Ministry has issued instructions to all States and Union Territories in December, 2007 to prohibit corporal punishment in all schools under their jurisdiction. Section 17 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 prohibits physical punishment and mental harassment to children in school.

Opening of polytechnics in Chhattisgarh

†3318. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts of Chhattisgarh which have polytechnics and engineering colleges;

(b) whether the State Government has sent proposals to the Central Government for opening of additional polytechnics;

(c) whether these proposals sent by State Government are meant for tribal dominated districts; and

(d) the funds provided by the Central Government to the State Government of Chhattisgarh upto 2008-09 for opening of polytechnics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The names of districts of Chhattisgarh which have polytechnics and engineering colleges are as follows:-

Sl. No.	District	Engineering	Polytechnic
		Colleges	College
1	2	3	4
1	Bastar	1	1
2	Bijapur	1	-
3	Durg	1	1

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
4	Korba	1	1
5	Raigarh	1	1
6	Rajnandgaon	1	1
7	Raipur	1	1
8	Ambikapur	-	1
9	Bilaspur	-	1
10	Dhamtari	-	1
11	Janjgir-Champa	-	1
12	Kabirdham	-	1
13	Mahasamund	-	1

(b) Yes, Sir, the bulk of the proposals are from tribal areas. The State Government has sent the proposals to the Central Government for opening of additional polytechnic in the following districts of Chhattisgarh:–

Bastar, Kanker, Bijapur, Koriya, Bilaspur, Narayanpur, Dantewada, Raipur, Janjgir-Champa Surguja and Jashpur.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has provided financial assistance of Rs. 8.47 crore to the State Government for setting up of new polytechnics at Koriya, Jashpur, Kanker and Dantewada upto 2008-09.

Out-of-school children in absence of creche facilities

3319. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:

SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of children in the age group of 6-14 years for whom education has been made a Fundamental Right are still out of school, particularly in the slum areas in metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, whether any survey has recently been conducted to assess their number, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the manner in which this problem, particularly of children in this age group, in metropolitan cities and areas around them, whose parents are unable to send them to school as there are no creche facilities for their younger siblings and their parents are out for work during the day, is proposed to be tackled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per independent sample survey commissioned by Ministry of Human Resource Development, the estimated number of out of school children is 81.5 lakh, of which 1.36 lakh children were out of school in slums of urban areas. The total estimated